



***Georgia Board of Dentistry
Chairman's Corner
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The Georgia Board of Dentistry consists of nine dentists and one dental hygienist from throughout the state and one consumer member. Board members are appointed by the Governor. The Board's legal charge is to oversee the licensing process, the practice of dentistry and to assure consumer protection. The Board expects its licensees to be aware of the laws, rules and policies which govern the practice in Georgia. The most current Board information can be found on its website at www.sos.georgia.gov/plb/dentistry.

The most recent issues of concern to the Board surround the following:

- Practice that falls below the acceptable standard of care.
- Practitioners' failure to acquire the required continuing education (Board Rules 150-3-.09 for dentists and 150-5-.05 for hygienists).
- Practitioners' failure to timely renew licenses (Board Rule 150-3-.05).
- Practice in a non-dental owned practice (O.C.G.A. § 43-11-47(a)(7)(A)).

The Board meets monthly in Macon at the Professional Licensing Board and all meetings are open to the public. We welcome comments pertaining to issues of concern to the dental community.

Thank you for your service to the citizens of Georgia who deserve to receive quality dental care.

Clyde Andrews, D.D.S.

President

**The Georgia Board of Dentistry encourages your review of its website.
Information can be found as follows:**

Board meeting dates & locations:

<http://sos.georgia.gov/cgi-bin/MeetingDatesResults.asp?BoardID=15>

Board member listing:

http://sos.georgia.gov/plb/dentistry/board_members.htm

Board Rules:

<http://sos.georgia.gov/acrobat/PLB/Rules/chapt150.pdf>

Disciplinary Actions/Board Sanctions:

<http://sos.georgia.gov/plb/PublicOrders/>

Information on the consumer complaint process:

<http://sos.georgia.gov/myverification/SubmitComplaint.aspx>

Information on federations & professional associations:

<http://sos.georgia.gov/plb/dentistry/associations.htm>